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SUBJ: POST RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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1. THIS EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH AMERICA BUSINESS COMMUNITY MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH REFTEL. NORWEGIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITH AMERICAN INTERESTS IS ORGANIZED IN TWO OVERLAPPING ORGANIZATIONS: NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND AMERICAN CLUB IN OSLO (FORMERLY AMERICAN BUSINESSMENS CLUB IN OSLO). ATTEMPTS TO RAISE INTEREST IN ORGANIZING AN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE FOUNDERED DUE TO COSTS, SMALL NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN BUSINESS HERE, UNWILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH A THIRD AMERICAN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD COMPETE IN SOME RESPECTS WITH OLDER TWO, AND LACK OF NEED. NACC MEETS APPROXIMATELY 4 TIMES A YEAR, AND AMCLUB HAS MONTHLY LUNCHEONS, EXCEPT DURING SUMMER.

2. EMBASSY MAINTAINS GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICAN BUSNISS COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICPATON IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. AMBASSADOR IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF NACC. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WRITES ARTICLE FOR NACC QUARTERLY MAGAZINE AND IS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CLUB. AMCLUB LUNCHEONS ARE WELL ATTENDED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS AND USIS HAS WORKED WITH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS IN BICENTENNIAL
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PLANNING.

3. LAST YEAR AMBASSADOR BYRNE HELD BREAKFAST MEETING FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN OSLO TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, SPOKE TO AMCLUB LUNCH, AND HELD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN AFFILIATES HERE IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATION OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. WE PLAN TO REGULARIZE AND EXPAND THESE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION IN AMCLUB AND NACC MEETINGS.
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